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Dear Tom Miller,

I do recall your earlier letter and the general nature of my response. I was magnify all the negatives in comment on the Cambridge Commercializers. They are not innocent, not concerned about the realities or what they present as fact to those so anxious for it, andhave grown prosperous from a ripoff that is the newest destruction of the credibility if the tiny group that undertakes serious work. I responded to their invitation with a challenge and a denunciation and they have been silent.

This abuse of the trust of the wonderful young has also characterized the underground press. The Barb is no exception. If others have been much worse.

The grossness of incorrectness that is palmed off as unquestionable fact pr mature and responsible belief is sickening. The AIB bunch is currently the most unrestrained and they are raking in the money. If there is nothing wrong with making money, there is much with doing it by ripping off the trusting and poisonning their minds at the same time.

Herewith there is a copy of the new book. However, it is not and cannot be a freebee. We are over our small budget on that and we went into hock heavily on the entire project. The fact is that I did not send a single review copy to any of the prestiggous press. More, the major media paid for the copies they needed for news stories. For us there is no choice. For them, no real problem. If this arrangement does not suit you, just return the book, please.

If you do a poiece without telling your readers how to get the book, you will be ripping them and me both off, using my work free and not putting your readers in a position to get the entire content of the book for themselves. There is not a single radio station that has not done this. Including the one in Wichita that called me on the word "station." For real. Both ways. KFH did phone at that point and like all the others they did give my address and the by-mail price of $6.25. This way people can send me a check and have the book in the next day's mail. I believe that when you read the entire thing you will agree that it contains new and unquestionable information to which all those wanting it should have access.

The major single cash cost was the ptinter. Lesar borrowed that money. We are putting 100% of the gross on that debt. (About 25% repaid as of now.) This helps account for our unorthodix needs and procedures. Plus the fact that bookstores just don't have this or my other books, which continue to have demand.

It is not my intention to be brusque or impolite. It is to be straightforward. And to inform, to tell it as it is as 11 of the most intensive years of diligent effort plus the background I took to it tell me it really is.

If you do a review I'd appreciate a couple of copies.

And if you see any coverage of the gathering of the nuttery in Cambridge or Boston or both I'd appreciate copies to file as part of my archive as well as for my information. For either or both, thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg